

State Incentives for Achieving Clean and Renewable Energy Development on Contaminated Lands



The development of clean and renewable energy on formerly used land offers many economic and environmental benefits. Combining clean and renewable energy and contaminated land cleanup incentives can allow investors and communities to create economically viable clean and renewable energy redevelopment projects. This document provides information about incentives in your state that can be leveraged for clean and renewable energy and development of contaminated land.



Incentives for Clean and Renewable Energy

Funding (grants, loans, bonds, etc.)

Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF)

www.ctcleanenergy.com/

Promotes, develops, and invests in clean and sustainable energy sources, including these incentives:

On-site Renewable Distributed Generation (DG)

www.ctcleanenergy.com/default.aspx?tabid=95

Provides grants of up to \$4 million (\$850,000 for PV projects) per individual project to install systems that generate energy from renewable sources. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Operational Demonstration Program

www.ctcleanenergy.com/default.aspx?tabid=98

Provides up to \$750,000 to demonstrate applications of renewable energy generation resources including wind, solar, fuel cells, wave power, biomass, landfill gas resources, and other resources.

Project 150 Initiative

www.ctcleanenergy.com/default.aspx?tabid=97

Helps electric distribution companies (EDCs) finance renewable energy projects through long-term Electricity Purchase Agreements (EPAs). Pricing under these EPAs will include a premium of up to 5.5¢/kWh. In addition, the CCEF will award at least \$50,000 to each project selected for an EPA.

Connecticut Office of Policy and Management – New Energy Technology Program

www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2994&q=383312

Provides grants of up to \$10,000 to a maximum of five small firms to facilitate the development/use of renewable energy technologies.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) – Low Interest Loans for Customer-Side Distributed Resources

www.ct.gov/dpuc/cwp/view.asp?a=3356&q=419794

Offers grants to eligible baseload DG projects of \$450 per kW, up to a maximum of 65 MW, to retail end-use customers of electric distribution companies for the installation of customer-side distributed resources.

Tax Incentives (abatements, deductions, credits, etc.)

Sales Tax Exemption for Solar and Geothermal Systems

www.ct.gov/drs/cwp/view.asp?A=1514&Q=385310

Provides a 100% sales tax exemption for solar and geothermal heat pumps, including solar electricity generating systems.

Property Tax Exemption for "Class I" Renewable Energy Systems and Hydropower Facilities

www.ct.gov/DRS

Provides a 100% property tax exemption for "Class I" renewable energy systems and hydropower facilities.

Technical Assistance and Other Incentives

Mass Energy – Renewable Energy Certificate Incentive

www.massenergy.com/Solar.REC.Sale.html

Offers to purchase renewable energy certificates at a rate of \$30 per MW-hour, for a period of three years, from PV systems.

Net Metering

www.state.ct.us/dpuc/

Connecticut requires net metering to no limit for generation using Class I renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind, or biomass power).

Quick Facts

Public Benefit Fund (PBF)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Renewable Portfolio Standard	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
27% by 2020	
Net Metering	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Interconnection Standards	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Electric Power Industry Generation by Primary Energy Source (EIA, 2006)

Petroleum-Fired	3.7%	Nuclear	47.8%
Natural Gas-Fired	30.2%	Hydroelectric	1.6%
Coal-Fired	12.3%	Other Renewables	2.2%

Points of Contact

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Connecticut DPUC- Low Interest Loans for Customer-Side Distributed Resources

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Sales Tax Exemption for Solar and Geothermal Systems, Property Tax Exemption for "Class I" Renewable Energy Systems and Hydropower Facilities

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Mass Energy – Renewable Energy Certificate Incentive

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Incentives for Development of Contaminated Land

Connecticut

Funding (grants, loans, bonds, etc.)

Connecticut Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (CBRLF)

www.ctbrownfields.gov/ctbrownfields/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&q=319598

Provides low-interest loans to municipalities, private entities and nonprofits for environmental cleanup of non-residential properties.

Urban Sites Remedial Action Program (USRAP)

www.ctbrownfields.gov/ctbrownfields/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&q=319334

Provides funds to facilitate the transfer and redevelopment of potentially polluted commercial and industrial property in designated Distressed Municipalities and Targeted Investment Communities.

Brownfield Municipal Pilot Program

www.ctbrownfields.gov/ctbrownfields/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&q=416724

Provides grants to fund municipal projects that are complicated by brownfields. Project sites do not need to be owned by the municipality.

Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund (SCPRIF)

www.ctbrownfields.gov/ctbrownfields/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&q=319330

Provides low-interest, five-year loans to municipalities and private entities for Phase II and III investigations and demolition costs.

Dry Cleaning Establishment Remediation Fund

www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1101&q=249816

Provides grants up to \$300,000 to eligible dry cleaning business operators and landlords for the assessment, cleanup, containment, or mitigation of pollution resulting from releases of chemicals used for dry cleaning.

Connecticut's UST Petroleum Clean-up Account Program

www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2717&q=325322&depNav_GID=1652

Provides reimbursement up to \$1 million per release to eligible petroleum tank owners/operators for taking corrective actions and for third party liability costs associated with the investigation and cleanup of sites impacted by leaking underground storage tanks.

Tax Incentive Fund (TIF) -- Connecticut Brownfields Redevelopment Authority (CBRA)

www.ctbrownfields.com/Content/Grants.asp

Provides up-front TIF- based grants of up to \$10,000,000 to investors, developers, and business owners that clean up and redevelop environmentally contaminated properties.

Connecticut Development Authority Direct, Guaranteed, or Participating Loans

www.ctcda.com/CMSLite/default.asp?CMSLite_Page=18&Info=General+Business

Provides below market interest rate loans from \$250,000 to \$5 million to assist with brownfields remediation and redevelopment.

Tax Incentives (abatements, credits, etc.)

Industrial Site Investment Tax Credit Program

www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1101&q=249822

Offers investors a corporate tax credit of up to 100% of their investment, up to a maximum of \$100,000,000, for investments made in real property that has been subject to environmental contamination.

Urban and Industrial Sites Reinvestment Tax Credit Program

www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1101&q=249842

Offers a corporate tax credit of up to 100%, maximum of \$100,000,000. An eligible Urban Site Investment Project will add new economic activity, increase employment, and generate additional tax revenues.

Enterprise Zone Program

www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1099&q=249766

Provides tax abatement for five years and 80% of local property taxes on real estate improvements located within Enterprise Zones; or 10 years/50% tax credit; as well as a seven-year minimum deferral of increased taxes.

Technical Assistance and Other Incentives

Environmental Insurance Program

www.ctbrownfields.gov/ctbrownfields/cwp/view.asp?a=2631&q=319586

Helps clients choose the proper coverage for their project.

Limitations on Liability

Covenant Not to Sue/Third Party Liability Program

www.ctbrownfields.gov/ctbrownfields/cwp/view.asp?a=2631&q=319704#liability

Provides a covenant not to sue, upon completion of all requirements of the state's Voluntary Remediation Program.

Quick Facts

Limitations on Liability	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Covenant Not to Sue, Third Party Liability Program	
Number of State-Tracked Contaminated Properties:	3,297
Includes Urban Sites Remedial Action Program, Voluntary Remediation Programs, and Property Transfer Program sites	
Number of EPA CERCLIS Sites:	401
Sites identified for potential investigation under the federal Superfund Program	
Number of EPA Brownfields Properties:	218
Properties being funded or addressed under the EPA Brownfields Program	
<i>There may be some overlap among the categories listed and sites listed may not represent all potentially contaminated sites in Connecticut.</i>	

Points of Contact

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